

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 08-November-2009

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.

*Our readings today show us two widows giving generously what they could hardly afford to give. Poverty need not lead to bitterness. It can lead to heroic generosity and courage. Such poor as these two widows, stand as a living condemnation of us who have so much. We give so little, as we watch the perpetuation of Injustice and poverty in our world.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Generosity

Some years ago when visiting our mission in Peru, I accompanied a Sister to the one-roomed homes of the people who lived in extreme poverty. I remember in particular meeting one woman who was so overjoyed because, after waiting a long time, her hen had laid two eggs. To my surprise, she promptly gave me the two eggs as a gift. I didn't want to take them knowing that she and her family may have little else to eat that day, but she insisted and said 'God would provide'. This woman's generosity, and trust in God, came to mind when reflecting on the story of the two widows in today's readings - who also gave of their all.

The widow in the first reading had only enough food left for one more meal before she and her son would die. She was about to prepare it when along comes the prophet Elijah asking her to share their meal with him. This she did and her generosity did not go unrewarded as there was still plenty of food left. In the Gospel we hear the story of the widow who gave up all that she had left - her last two coins. Not only do these two widows demonstrate great generosity, but above all a deep trust in God that he would provide.

In remembering that episode in Peru I ask myself if I was in that woman's place would I have been as generous and trusting in God's providence to part with those two eggs....I'm not so sure I'd have done so. We think today of the many people in our parish who due to the economic crisis and unemployment etc find it extremely difficult to put a meal on the table, to buy the daily necessities and yet who put their trust in God that He will provide in some way.

Jesus words to his disciples about the Scribes is as relevant today - that the spirit in which we give is more important than the amount we give. We are called on to be generous with our resources - not just material resources, but also to be generous with our time, our gifts and talents, our love and to be aware of the needs of others in our midst. In times of great need, we pray for a deep trust in the generosity and providence of God and we pray for a generosity of spirit to reach out to those who today are finding it difficult to cope with life's situations.

Sr. Colette

## Thought for Today

Why do we admire people who "give their all"? What does "giving my all" mean to me in my life? Do I give my all to my family? to my studies? to sports? What does it mean to "give my all" to God?

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

We bring our prayers to the Father who looks with kindness on the needy.

### Reader

We pray for the Church; that, through its good work on behalf of the needy and oppressed, it may shine as a beacon of hope in the world.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who govern our land; that they may keep those in greatest need to the forefront of their minds.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For married couples; that may continue to grow in love for each other.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who work to alleviate poverty and suffering in the world; that they may receive the help and support they need to make a difference in the lives of those in greatest need.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who have suffered abuse of any kind; that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who have died, especially in this month of November those who have nobody to pray for them.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Heavenly Father, you love the just and provide for the needy. Hear the prayers we make through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*My soul give praise to the Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :**

Ciara Charlotte Clarke, Pine Walk Muskerry Estate.  
 Thomas Patrick Henry Cash, Hill View, Onslow Gardens.  
 Molly Lynn Curran, Chicago, U.S.A.  
 Sarah Elizabeth Galvin, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Amy Kate Collins, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Thomas Gerard O'Callaghan, Rosewood.  
 Sarah Ciara O'Connell, Ballingully.  
 Emma Laura O'Connell, Ballingully.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Barry Walsh, Castleknock, Dublin.  
 John Manning, Mayfield.  
 Andrzej Gulakowski, Willowgrove & Poland.  
 Teresa Canning, Church View.  
 Cyril Murphy, London.  
 Mary Rose Fitzgerald, Earlwood Estate.  
 Hannah Casey, Manor Hill.  
 David O'Mahony, Southern Road, England.  
 Bridgette Molly, Bishopstown.  
 Eileen Holland, Glanmire.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:**

Joe Fitzpatrick, Crookstown.  
 Betty O'Regan, Crookstown.  
 Deceased members of The Legion of Mary.  
 Abina Walsh, Tralee.  
 Michael Gaffney, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.  
 Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.  
 Ellen, Catherine & Eugene Lee, Dripsey.  
 Mary O'Callaghan, Yorkshire.  
 Bridget Forde & her son Sean, Model Farm Road.  
 Richard Hourigan, Limerick.  
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.  
 Eileen, Frank & Ned O'Donovan, Raheen.  
 John Creed, Woodside, Inniscarra.  
 John & Hannah O'Shea, Beaufort.  
 John & Hannah O'Connor, Dingle.

***Colaiste Chríost Rí***

Celebrating 50 years. Launch of book "Ri-connect. Colaiste Chríost Rí. 50 years in words and images"  
**Fri 13th Nov '09 in new hall in Colaiste Chríost Rí at 7.30pm.**  
 All past pupils, present pupils, friends and supporters welcome

***The Emmaus Men's Fellowship***

Fr. Pat Collins C.M. and Janice Carrig will speak at our annual conference for men and women on the theme "Forgiveness does it Matter" at the Sacred Heart Community Hall, Western Road on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Starting at 10.30 and ending 5.30 each day.  
 There will be Healing Service on Saturday afternoon and Mass with Healing Service on Sunday afternoon.  
 Further information, contact Declan 021 4872828.

***Christian Community Prayer For the Holy Souls***

The annual prayer service for the Holy Souls will be held at:  
 St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Glasheen Road Cork  
 On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 2.30 pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time**

08 Sunday 1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822  
 09 Monday Ezek. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Ps. 45. 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect I: 1006 or Lect II: 1250  
 10 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. Lect II:414  
 11 Wednesday Wis. 6:1-11. Ps. 81. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II:416  
 12 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8: 1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II:418  
 13 Friday Wis. 13: 1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II:420  
 14 Saturday Wis. 18: 14-16, 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect II:422

**Next Sunday's Readings** 15-November-2009  
 Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826

***Scoil Barra Enrolment Week***  
**16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of November 2009**

Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the school year 2010-2011 are invited to complete an 'Application for Admission Form' available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment/Admission Policy.  
*Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on/before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enrol their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2010 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2010.*

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.  
 Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)  
 Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork. Tel. (021) 4873459

***Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire***  
***Enrolment Week:***

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2009**

Prospective parents and children are invited to the Open Afternoon (in both schools) on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Scoil Eoin (Boys) 021 4871321	Scoil Mhuire (Girls) 021 4870809
<b>Principal:</b> Donal O Conbhui	<b>Principal:</b> Mairead Ni Mhurchu

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16  
 'Do not be afraid!' Elijah says to the widow. In times of loss, in moments of struggle, on the day when all avenues of escape seem to be closed, we are called to stand firm and remember that God does not abandon his people to death and despair. God will always find a way. Trust in him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28  
 Christ does not measure himself out in terms of what he has to spare. He holds nothing back from the Father and he holds nothing back from us. He gives himself totally, once and for all, emptying himself so that we might be filled with the divine life forfeited by our first parents. Christ teaches us how to give so that we may receive the abundance of God's mercy.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44  
 If we make a show of holiness we make a mockery of God. It is in the hidden, ordinary acts of love that true heroism is most often shown. If we are lavish in our outward demonstration of piety or charity but have hearts turned in on ourselves, what do we hope to gain? God sees not only our actions but also the intentions which lie behind them and we will be rewarded not so much for how much we give but for how much it costs us to give. The more we hold on to, the less free we are to move forward. They achieve holiness who dare to risk everything for God.

**'Open House' at CIT**

Cork Institute of Technology's Open Day, will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, on CIT's Bishopstown Campus. It is the ideal time for prospective students, and their parents, to sample the enormous range of courses and facilities on offer.

CIT offers in excess of sixty CAO course options for 2010 and its rapidly expanding campuses are an exciting place to be.

Staff from all departments will be available to answer queries and current students will be on hand to recount their own personal experiences and offer advice. Departments presenting their programmes include Applied Physics & Instrumentation; Biological Sciences; Computing; Construction; Architecture; Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering; Management & Marketing; Accounting & Information Systems; Agriculture; Chemical & Biopharmaceutical Engineering; Chemistry; Electrical Engineering; Electronic Engineering; Media Communications; Mechanical Engineering; Manufacturing, Biomedical & Facilities Engineering; Social & General Studies; Tourism & Hospitality Studies; Transport & Automobile Engineering.

Also represented will be CIT Crawford College of Art & Design; CIT Cork School of Music and the National Maritime College of Ireland at Ringaskiddy.

Information sessions, workshops, demonstrations and laboratory visits will be arranged and that is only one element of it says Dr Barry O' Connor, CIT's Registrar and Vice President for Academic Affairs, "this is one of the days when we truly open the doors of our campus and welcome all our prospective students and visitors. The Open Day provides an opportunity for students, their families and the public, to see the impressive campus here in Bishopstown and to get to know the ever-increasing range of courses which are now available in CIT. We are renowned for the all-round experience available to our students and our campuses, including our sports facilities, now boasting the fantastic new Stadium, located on the main campus, emphasises the important role sporting activities play in the life of CIT students."

CIT's Open Day takes place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009, from 10.00am - 4.00pm. For further information email: [openday@cit.ie](mailto:openday@cit.ie), website: [www.cit.ie](http://www.cit.ie)

**Bulletin Board**

**Swine Flu**

Owing to the threat of Swine Flu the Bishops and H.S.E have requested that receiving of Holy Communion on the tongue be replaced by reception on the hand until further notice.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2009 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Novena for the Dead**

Novena for the dead continues until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. **There are two evening Masses (morning Masses as usual) during the Novena- 6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8 pm St Mary & St John.**

**Special Mass**

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and an address. There is a special bush in the sanctuary of each church. The names of parishioners and family members of parishioners are on the tree. These loved ones died during the past year. You are welcome to add other names and invited to pray for all those who we have been asked to pray for at this time.

**Annual Graveyard Masses**

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm  
 Mass in St Mary & St John's Cemetery Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2 pm  
**Fr. George.**

**Scout News**

An axe, a saw, a scout and as nice a heap of fire wood as you ever did see came together in a camp kitchen. Said the axe "I am difficult, dangerous, wasteful, inefficient and untidy. Use me at your peril". The firewood, who was quite impartial, agreed sadly with this statement. The saw offered no comment, but smiled his wide, toothy, self-satisfied smile. Whereupon the scout picked up the axe and proceeded to knock hell's bells out of the firewood, thereby proving the truth of everything that has been said.

**Moral:** Saws are strongly recommended, but it's the axe that gets used. It can never be seriously contemplated that all our contributions are the same. It is variety and assortment in the qualities of men and women that make the total of scouting. Respect and acknowledgment of each others opportunity to add to his quota entail that tolerance and unity of purpose which is the hallmark of our success, and which is possible only in a Brotherhood.

*I can't say I was ever lost, but I was bewildered once for three days.*

**The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.**

Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club will host a Gala Christmas Floral Demonstration by James Burnside, NAFAS, on Monday, November 9th at 8.00 pm in the Oriel House Hotel in aid of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Tickets cost €15 including refreshments and are available from Margaret at 021-7331429 and at door on night.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-14 & Nov-15-2009

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Sandra Walsh  
Brian Hennessy

**8:30 am**

Niamh Gallagher

**10:00 am**

Margot Twomey  
Lauree Hegarty

**12:00 Noon**

John Dorgan  
Fergal Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Fiona Feely

**11:00 am**

Maebh Nic Mheanmain

**12:30 pm**

Joseph Manning

Robert Murphy

**5:30 pm**

Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Sunday**

9:30 am & 8 pm

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**Tuesday**

9:30 am & 8 pm

**Wednesday**

9:30 am

**Thursday**

9:30 am

**Friday**

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

**Saturday**

**Christ Our Light**

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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8:30 am

7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass &  
before 6:00 pm Mass

**Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm

**Saturday**

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of  
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-14 & Nov-15-2009

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Patsie Murphy  
Joan Barrett  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**7:30 pm**

Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**8:30 am**

Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland

**11:00 am**

Bernadett Spillane  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne

**10:00 am**

Tadgh Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Eileen O'Connell  
Niamh Nic Gerailt  
Seamus O'Shea

**12:30 pm**

Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Attracta McKiernan

**12 Noon**

Marie Bowen  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessy  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm**

Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh  
Olan O'Mahony



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